Sanction of Agartala Government Medical College

1247. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tripura had put forward a proposal for sanction of Agartala Government Medical College.

(b) if so, the reasons for not according sanctions so far by Medical Council of India; and

(c) the effective steps proposed to be initiated by Government to set-up the Medical College in the far remote State of Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government of Tripura has given a revised proposal for permission to start a new Medical College at Agartala. The clearance of the proposal depend on fulfillment of qualifying criteria prescribed in the "Establishment of Medical College Regulation, 1999" brought out by the Medical Council of India, availability of infrastructure facilities and recommendations of Medical Council of India thereon.

Increase in polio cases

†1248. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polio cases which came to light in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that cases of diseases like polio are increasing instead of decreasing despite pulse polio drive launched throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps Government are taking to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) State-wise number of cases during the last three years is annexed (*See* below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The objective of the Government is eradicating Polio from the country and obtaining Polio-free certification by 2005. There has been significant progress towards achieving polio-free status. The number of Polio Cases has declined from 1934 in 1998 to 1126 in 1999, 265 in 2000, and 268 in 2001. Although the number of Polio cases in 2001 remained more or less the same as in 2000, the number of polio-endemic districts in the courtry came down from 314 in 1998, to 192 in 1999, 89 in 2000, and 63 in 2001. Polio is endemic now mainly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar which accounted for 216 and 27 cases respectively in 2001 out of total 268. Mopup Vaccination rounds are being undertaken in high-risk districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during low transmission seasons and in areas in which fresh cases of Polio are detected. The Government has planned two National Immunization Days, all over the country and two additional Sub National Immunizations Days in the States of U.P. Bihar, Haryana and Delhi during the winter season of the current year.

Statement

Statwise Polio Cases 1999 to 2001

Sl.No.	Name of the State/U.T.	Wild Poliovirus		
		99	00	01
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21	0	0
2.	A & N Islands	0	0	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
4.	Assam	0	0	1
5.	Bihar	123	50	27
6.	Chandigarh	2	1	0
7.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	0
8.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0
9.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
10.	Delhi	73	3	3
11.	Goa	0	0	0
12.	Gujarat	9	2	1
13.	Haryana	19	4	5
14.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0

Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	Wild Poliovirus		
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
16.	Jharkhand	-	-	2
17.	Karnataka	21	8	0
18.	Kerala	0	1	0
19.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	17	2	0
21.	Maharashtra	18	7	4
22.	Manipur	0	0	0
23.	Meghalaya	0	0	0
24.	Mizoram	0	0	0
25.	Nagaland	0	0	0
26.	Orissa	0	0	0
27.	Pondicherry	0	0	0
28.	Punjab	4	0	5
29.	Rajasthan	18	0	0
30.	Sikkim	0	0	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	7	0	0
32.	Tripura	0	0	0
33.	Uttaranchal	-	-	3
34.	Uttar Pradesh	773	179	216
35.	West Bengal	21	8	1
	TOTAL	1126	265	268

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh under major health programmes

1249. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh under major Health Programmes is constantly decreasing in the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of the allocation made to the State during last four years, year-wise and reasons for reducing the allocation instead of increasing it on yearly basis; and